



Sherriff's Corner



Deputy Ron Nye

It's winter again in the great Pacific Northwest. So far we haven't had much

*snow. However, the roadways can still become slick with fog and below-freezing temperatures at night. Please use common sense when driving in adverse conditions. If it's slick out or you think it might be slick, **SLOW DOWN!** Reasons for most collisions during the winter are people driving too fast for the conditions of the road. Give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to go. Keep space between yourself and other vehicles around you. If you are driving properly for the road conditions and someone else is tailgating you, pull over and let them pass. Stay focused on the task of driving. It only takes a split second for a collision to happen when we don't pay attention. Finally, make sure your teen driver becomes familiar with how a vehicle handles on slick roadways. I know kids will be kids and do squirrely things in the snow. However, that's when bad things can happen. Remember, driving is a privilege and as a parent of a teen driver, you can revoke that privilege at any time.*

The Liberty Lancer

Message from the Superintendent

January 2014

ALUMNI FOCUS—Kelly Hennessey, 2010



Kelly Hennessey, 2010 Liberty grad.

In seventh grade Kelly Hennessey went to the orthodontist for braces like many teenagers. Her time in the orthodontist's chair not only created a beautiful smile, it spawned an interest and desire that will place her in one of several dental schools that have offered her admission next fall. Kelly will interview with a total of nine dental schools this winter and to-date she has been offered placement in five out of five. Most likely she will have four more offers after she completes her last interviews.

In May, after four years as a Cougar, Kelly will graduate from Washington State University with a bachelor of science degree in zoology. When she looks back on her years at Liberty she credits her success at WSU to an outstanding K-12 education, especially in the areas of math and science. As a freshman Kelly was placed in advanced chemistry due to her achievement in high school chemistry here at Liberty. She also excelled ahead of her peers in college calculus and credits Mr. Reedy for preparing her for the rigors of college mathematics.

Kelly was a very active three-sport athlete all four years at Liberty in volleyball, basketball, and track. She was a member of FFA and represented Washington at the FFA national convention in Indianapolis competing in ag issues on the topic of the giant Palouse earthworm. Kelly's senior project was on dentistry where she was once again attracted to a people-oriented profession. She shared her desire to work directly with people on a daily basis to increase their quality of life through skills using her hands.

Kelly's professional goals include finishing dental school and passing her board exams to become a small-town dentist. She wants to give back what she received growing up on the Palouse as a child feeling supported and nurtured by family, friends, and hundreds of neighbors. Kelly is a prime example of a young woman who knew early on what she wanted in life and planned accordingly to achieve her goals regardless of how difficult. She possesses a strong work ethic and a desire to make the world a better place for all. As a school district we are so proud of Kelly and wish her the best in her pursuit to become Dr. Hennessey, DDS.

Liberty Moves Closer to Becoming a 1B School for H.S. Athletics



For many years the WIAA has used student populations in grades 10, 11, and 12 to determine size classifications. Liberty has been a 2B school district for many years and one of the smallest schools according to student population. A new regulation will be used this year for determining classifications. Calculations will include grades 9, 10 and 11, eliminating the senior class that will no longer be in the school following graduation.

Liberty's count for the next classification stands at 94 students with the smallest school in the 2B at 92 students. There may be some 1B schools that want to play up into the 2B classification. If enough schools choose to play up into the 2Bs, the line will change to drop a few more schools into 1B. One of these schools may be Liberty. If we land in the 1B classification, there is an opportunity for us to opt up to remain a 2B school. The school board will make this decision with input from our community. A positive to playing in 1B is we will become one of the larger schools in our division. A negative could be a drop in the level of competition in the smaller division.

If there is a decision to be made, it will be based on what is best for our students and community.

Liberty Lancer

The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District. The Lancer is published to provide current information about school district sponsored and co-sponsored events, student and educator recognition, as well as other news of interest to our school community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be sent to the Superintendent.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, January 30

Thursday, February 27

Thursday, March 27

Thursday, April 24

Liberty Elementary & Junior High Elementary Excellence Awards

for December



Congratulations to our citizens of the month for December, who exemplified the "Character Counts" trait of the month—**Responsibility**: (top row, l-r) Colin Degenhart, Kaleb Vanwert, Layton Kettner, Sawyer Olson, Katelyn Finley, Taylor Felgenhauer, (bottom row, l-r) Mason Simmons, Matt Heer, Carson Tee, Makenzie DeShazer, Charles Harrington.

Jeanne Project Update

Over 300 pounds of supplies have arrived in Haiti—all collected or made by our students and generous community members as part of the Jeanne Project, in honor of Mrs. Motsenbocker. Among items sent were:

277 bars of soap
311 tubes of toothpaste
798 toothbrushes
25 baby bibs
61 blankets
120 items of clothing
Miscellaneous toiletries
5 soccer balls



Students proudly display the items they helped collect for Haiti.

K-8 Dates to Remember

JANUARY

- 6 School Resumes
- 13 2-hour Late Start
- 14 MAP Testing
Jr. Boosters Meeting, 7pm
- 15 MAP Testing
- 16 MAP Testing
- 17 MAP Testing
- 20 NO SCHOOL—MLK Jr. Day
- 21 MAP Testing
End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
- 22 MAP Testing
- 23 MAP Testing
- 30 Board Meeting, 7pm

While most of the items will be donated to the hospital where Mr. and Mrs. Motsenbocker worked years ago, some will go to the orphanage in the community where about 50 children live. The family who delivered the supplies will be taking photos and videos, which will be shared with our students in January.

Thank you to all the students, businesses, parents, grandparents and community members who helped make this first round such a success!



Modern Archery Comes to Liberty

Liberty's health and fitness program has received a grant to purchase updated modern archery equipment for indoor instruction. Teacher Mike Jydstrup organized and hosted a full-day certification class at the elementary/junior high using compound bows. Both Mr. Jydstrup and Mr. Langeman are now certified archery instructors on an indoor range.

(Pictured at left) Mr. Jydstrup practices his indoor archery skills.

K-4 Holiday Program



Sarah Green
delivers her lines.

Mr. Cox led K-4 students in a musical presentation for a crowd of approximately 250 on December 18. The program included narration by selected students and humorous musical numbers.

Liberty High School

Thank You, Dianna

After almost four years working in the High School office, Dianna Harrington has accepted a position with Northeast Educational Services District 101 (NEWESD 101) working with schools as a Project Coordinator. As a school we have grown accustomed to having Dianna run the office efficiently. We wish her the best of luck on her new adventure. Kiley Schenk and Sheryl DeGon will fill in until the job search has been completed. Please welcome Kiley and Sheryl to the office.

Balloon Store

Mrs. Malone's Life Skills class has taken on a new project—selling balloons. Through this project they are learning many business and life skills, such as



Farewell and best of luck to Dianna Harrington (center).

Also, students from Mrs. Malone's Life Skills class display some of the inventory from their balloon store. Sale proceeds will be donated to local charities.

advertising, pricing, merchandising, taking inventory, customer relations and money skills. The balloons are on sale in the high school and the class is expecting to expand sales to the junior high and elementary school during the 2nd semester. All money earned from the balloons will be donated to local charities. If parents or community members are interested in buying balloons for their students, they can call the office or Mrs. Malone for more information.

State Testing

Liberty High School will begin the first round of state testing with the Math and Biology End of Course (EOC) Exam retakes beginning the last week of January. Students graduating in 2014 must pass the HSPE in reading and writing and one math EOC. Students in the class of 2015 and beyond must pass HSPE reading and writing, one math EOC and one biology EOC. Students will be notified as to which exam they will be taking. The staff at the high school continues to do an excellent job preparing our students for these exams. Refer below for testing dates and times.

Test	When	Time	Who
Math II Retake	January 23	8:15	All students who have not passed a Math EOC.
Biology Retake	January 28	8:15	Juniors who have not passed the Biology EOC.
Math I Retake	February 4	8:15	All students who have not passed a Math EOC.
HSPE Writing	March 18-19	8:30-11:30	All 10 th grade students. 11 th & 12 th students who have not passed writing.
HSPE Reading	March 20	8:30-11:30	All 10 th grade students. 11 th & 12 th students who have not passed reading.

Family Access App

For parents who prefer to use a smart phone or tablet to keep up-to-date on their student's grades, attendance records or food service balance, there's an app for that! Skyward Mobile is available at the iTunes App Store, Google Play, and the Amazon Appstore. The app is free and puts your child's academic information at your fingertips. Using this application provides the same information you are able to access using the Family Access link on the Liberty website.



If you need a reminder of your Family Access username or password, please contact the office.

LSDBC Update



This year, the Liberty School District Booster Club has been pleased to support a number of Liberty organizations including Friends of Rachel, InvestEd and Liberty Cheer and FFA. The LSDBC also played an important role in the replacement of the football field sound system and new junior high scoreboard. In 2013, the LSDBC broke its membership record and is now over 100 members strong!

We'll see you at the next Lancer basketball game...be sure to check out the Booster Board and Friends of Liberty sponsor signs that hang in the LHS gym and stop by the concessions stand to say hello and enjoy a hot Arby's sandwich. We are looking forward to the second half of the year and finding more ways to make Liberty even better! Mark your calendar for the Lancer game on January 14, which will be the third annual "XtheTxt" night, our campaign against texting and driving. It's fun!

Thank you for your support of the Liberty School District Booster Club!

Graduation?

It's not too early to begin to think about graduation for our seniors. On Monday, January 13, a representative from CE Ward will be at school. At this time students will have the opportunity to order announcements and caps and gowns.



If you have questions about graduation planning, please contact senior advisor Mrs. Malone. Graduation for the class of 2014 will be Sunday, June 1, at 2 PM.

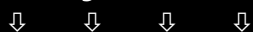
Holiday Programs



In December, Mr. Cox and the choir (pictured above) and band put on two great musical programs for the holidays.

Finals Week is January 13-17.

See testing schedule below.



JANUARY

- 6 School Resumes
- Booster Club Meeting, 7pm
- 7 Knowledge Bowl @ NWC
- 13 2-hour Late Start
- Finals, Period 5**
- 14 **Finals, Periods 4 & 6**
- 15 Ag Issues @ Cheney
- Finals, Period 7**
- 16 **Finals, Periods 1 & 3**
- 17 **Finals, Period 2**
- 20 NO SCHOOL
- 21 End of 1st Semester
- 23 Math II EOC Retake
- 28 Knowledge Bowl @ Wilbur
- Biology EOC Retake

Winter Spirit

The ASB has set a date for the 2014 Winterfest. January 29-31, 2014, activities will take place one period each day, Wednesday through Friday. Dress-up days will be:

Wednesday, 1/29—Mix and Don't Match

Thursday, 1/30—Celebrity Day

Friday, 1/31—Crazy Spirit Day

The week's festivities will conclude with a dance after the basketball game on Friday night.



FFA Ag Issues



Congratulations to the 2013-14 Ag Issues team. (Pictured at left, l-r) Kaitlyn Rambo, Meghan Grumbly, Christine Denny, Bridgette Roll, Nathan Burley, Abby Karlis, and Devin Billington all represented Liberty High School at EWU last month. This year their topic "Are Drones in Agriculture Harmless Helpers or Mindless Monsters?" earned the team a 1st place finish at sub-districts. The team will compete again at the District event on January 15 in Cheney.

Winter Activities

The winter schedule is in full swing. Please check our website for the most current athletic, club and music schedules.

